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Salinas CLC Hits Prisoner Building Work

Officials and delegates at the Monterey County Central Labor Union meeting in Salinas last week discussed reports that county prisoners are being considered for major construction work on county buildings.

Council Secy. Alfred J. Clark said a protest will be filed by the labor council with the sheriff and with the Board of Supervisors.

Several union delegates reported that a major building program has been planned with prisoner labor. Union protests are based on two points: that State law provides for payment of the prevailing wage for all construction work in tax-supported districts, and that use of prisoner labor encroaches on rights of free labor. The unemployment situation of the area was mentioned also.

Clark said first mention of the coming Christmas Party for children of Salinas, a major function of labor groups, was made at the council meeting. John F. Mattos, of Laborers Union 272, is expected to head the party program this year.

Speakers from the Monterey County Industrial Development Committee were at the council meeting to explain the MCID program and how it will affect organized labor. One of the major points in the program is to try to get stable year-around industries in order to provide a stabilized payroll for workers, Clark said.

Fred Farr, candidate for State Assembly, was a speaker at the Salinas council meeting.

Carp. Agents Meet in Wats.

Four business agents of Carpenter unions of Santa Cruz and Monterey counties met in Watsonville last week to discuss mutual problems affecting all unions. Attending the sesion were James T. Mann, representing Watsonville Local 771; Sam Combs, of Santa Cruz Local 829; Harvey B. Baldwin, of Salinas Local 925, and Thomas Eide, of Monterey Local 1323.

Not Much Fish, Boats Go South

Units of the sardine fishing fleet in Monterey have departed for southern waters following failure to find sardines in nearby areas, it was reported last week. New season has opened for waters off the Mexican coast. Meanwhile, only small amounts of fish were sent to Monterey for processing, the fish including some sardines and some anchovies.

Business Agents On Hunting Trips

Officials of three Monterey unions were on separate deer hunting trips last week-end into portions of Northern California. George E. Jenkins, president of the county Building Trades Council and secretary of Laborers Union 690 of Monterey, was accompanied by Mrs. Jenkins on his trip. Others seeking venison included Milton Isakson, business agent of Painters Union 272 of Monterey, and Lester A. Caveny, business agent of Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union.

There now are 159 friends of labor in the U.S. House of Representatives. Fifty-nine more, elected in November, would give trade unions a majority.

NOTICE TO CARPENTERS

TO MEMBERS OF MONTEREY CARPENTERS UNION 1323:

Offices and headquarters of Local 1323 will be closed all day on Saturdays hereafter, effective this Saturday, until further notice.

Saturday closing was decided upon by the union in conformity with the established principles of a five-day work week. Members are asked to confine all business to the union's regular hours, Mondays through Fridays. The office is open at noon for convenience of members.

THOMAS EIDE
Business Agent.

ROOFERS STRIKE FOR PAY BOOST

Members of Roofers Union 50 of Santa Cruz and Monterey counties went on strike Friday, Sept. 17, for a wage increase. The union is asking an increase of 12½ cents an hour, according to unofficial reports.

No picket lines had been established by the Roofers at the end of last week. Strike sanction was granted by the Monterey County Building Trades Council and is pending before the Santa Cruz County BTC. Union plans were not announced.

Equipment Firm Facing Strike

Machinists Union 1824 of Salinas last week filled formal request for Central Labor Council permission to picket Growers Equipment Co., 441 W. Market St., Salinas, as result of a contract dispute.

A. J. Clark, secretary of the labor council, said the picket line would be established by the union to "advise and inform the public" of the dispute and to persuade union members not to handle materials processed by the firm.

Earl Choate, business representative for the Machinists Union, said the union has been negotiating for a satisfactory contract with the firm for some time, without success, and that union members are asking for action to bring the dispute to a close.

Monterey CLC Probes Barrier, Auditorium Plan

Two civic projects for the Monterey Peninsula area have come to the attention of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council and will be studied carefully, with a possible concerted action by organized labor in behalf of both the programs.

Sonyja du Gardyn, council secretary, said the labor groups have become interested in the proposed breakwater for Monterey Bay and in the possibilities of establishing a major public auditorium in Monterey.

At the council meeting last week, Mr. Pringle of the Monterey County Industrial Development Committee was a speaker, telling of the program for bringing industry to the area.

The council discussed the proposed breakwater and how it could benefit the area. A committee of Lou Gold, Culinary-Bartenders Local 483, and John Crivello of the Fishermen's Union was designated by the council to arrange for council action to seek Congressional support for the breakwater plan.

In the matter of a major public auditorium, council delegates discussed ways and means for a labor program which may help in the establishment of an adequate auditorium. Secretary du Gardyn was authorized to contact an architect to get ideas for a possible building.

Other labor council business included discussion of the confusion over names of the Monterey County labor council at Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula labor council at Monterey. A meeting between council officials will be held next month to try to work out a solution to the name problem, Secretary du Gardyn announced.

Tribute was paid to the memory of the late William E. Booker, delegate from Carpenters Union 1323 and active council leader, chairman of the Arbitration and Negotiation Committee. Booker died suddenly two weeks ago.

Anti-Noise Campaign

St. Louis — The AFL Teamsters, in cooperation with local authorities in an anti-noise campaign, are conducting special driver education programs.



AFL CONVENTION — At opening of the AFL convention in Los Angeles, these men joined in welcoming delegates, left to right: C. J. Haggerty, State Federation of Labor secretary; Thomas Ranford, president of L.A. Central Labor Council; and W. J. Bassett, L.A. council secretary. Many entertainment features were arranged for delegates.

AFL Blasts The 83rd

Los Angeles. — The AFL Executive Council demanded Government action to restore prosperity and invigorate foreign policy in its annual report to the 73rd convention of the American Federation of Labor.

In a devastating analysis of the record of the Eisenhower Administration and the 83rd Congress, the Council listed failure after failure to halt the recession, to strengthen the free world's defenses against aggression, and to make good on campaign pledges to labor and farmers.

The Council urged the delegates, representing the highest membership in the AFL's history, to adopt policies and programs for the benefit of the nation's workers, for the advancement of the national welfare, and for the support of world peace.

Major recommendations in the 348-page report of the Executive Council to the convention were:

1. A 10-point "prosperity program" including making full employment and full production the nation's first objective; public and private policies to lift consumer buying power to the level of industry's accelerated power to produce; a fortified national defense program; public works; broader public and middle-income housing programs; reduced taxes for those in the lower income groups; a boost in the minimum wage to $1.25 an hour; encouragement of mature labor-management relations through free collective bargaining; stimulation of farm income, and higher unemployment compensation standards.

2. A resolute program in defense of human freedom, including unification of the allied nations in resistance against further Communist aggression; rejection of the false illusion of co-existence; refusal to admit Red China into the United Nations; much stronger rearmament until Soviet Russia agrees to a practical disarmament program supervised by international inspection on both sides of the Iron Curtain; and end to colonization, and peace treaties to restore sovereignty to Germany.

3. A new no-raiding pact to end jurisdictional strife among AFL affiliates, through the processes of consultation, conciliation and arbitration.

4. In the field of national legislation, the Council pinpointed the major failures of Congress and the Administration and entrusted to the convention responsibility for forging a new legislative program covering these broad areas: amendment of the Taft-Hartley Act, housing, minimum wage, more equitable taxation, Federal aid to education, a national health program, fair employment practice legislation, encouragement of development of atomic energy for peaceful uses, and higher pay for Government employees.

5. An all-out drive for election of a more liberal Congress on November 2, with united support of the campaign of Labor's League for Political Education.

6. Reporting the successful negotiation of the no-raiding agreement with the CIO, now functioning smoothly, the Council left it to the convention to chart the next steps toward organic unity.

In the introduction to it sreport, the Executive Council urged the convention to weigh the record of the 83rd Congress and the Administration, now at its half-way point, "and to render judgment."

"The cause of world peace has suffered severe setbacks," the report of the Council declared. "Our national economy has been weakened by high and prolonged unemployment. The forward movement of our basic national policies has been reversed."

With regard to unemployment, the Council said: "The new Administration promised to act, but it failed. It has done nothing to increase the purchasing power of the great mass of consumers. Neither has Congress." On the general trend in national policies, the Council declared: "Events have confirmed our warnings of a year ago that big business has taken over the driver's seat in Washington. New legislative policies and new administrative rulings are closely geared to fit the desires of the business community."

Booker's Death Shocks Unionists

Union officials and members in the Monterey area were shocked recently by the sudden and untimely death of William E. Booker, former president and active leader in Monterey Carpenters Union 1323.

Brother Booker, only 42, died suddenly as result of cancer, its incidence unknown to him or his friends, it was reported. Donations to the American Cancer Society fund has been made by several unionists since his death.

His wife and three children are survivors. Brother Booker has held many offices in Local 1323 and was widely known as a delegate and leader in the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council.

Thiltgen Attends Fresno Meeting

Leo Thiltgen, recording secretary of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323 and also secretary of the Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters, was in Fresno last week-end for an important meeting on problems affecting millmen.

Thiltgen was participating in the California Mill Committee conferences, also attended by millmen and carpenter union leaders from throughout the state.

Eugene Normans Have Baby Girl

A 5 pound, 10½ ounce girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene E. Norman last Aug. 31 at the Peninsula Hospital. Norman is president of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323.

Friends said this is the first girl in a family which already has four boys, adding that the new daughter is doing well, the mother is fine, but that the father is not fully recovered. Instead of a basketball team, Bro. Norman now has a polo team with a mascot, one friend declared.

Eide in S.F.

Thomas Eide, business agent of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323, traveled to San Francisco last week on important union business. Eide was called to a special meeting with representatives of the Associated General Contractors to discuss various grievances and similar matters referred to a joint committee.

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Salinas Union Directory

BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Labor Temple at 3:30 p.m. Bus. Agt. and Main Office: Cecil Bradford, 2348 Hedding St., San Jose, phone AXminster 6-7143; office, 84 S. First St., San Jose.

BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres. Herbert Ridgway, 224 Abbott St., phone 3470; Rec. Sec., D. L. Hill, 20 W. Gabilan, phone 9085; Fin. Sec.; Jimmie Butler, 418 Monterey Ave., phone 3504.

BRICK MASONS—Meets 2nd Tues., Monterey; 4th Tues., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Steve Frank, 103 N. First Salinas; Rec. Sec., A. L. Robertson, 520 Cypress, Pacific Grove, phone 56947; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., R. E. Baxter, 64 Villa, Salinas, phone 25708

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st Thursday, 8 p.m., Hoffman St., Monterey; 3rd Thursday, 8 p.m., Caminos Hotel, Salinas. Pres., Geo. E. Jenkins, 3230 Hoffmann Ave., Monterey, phone 2-8456; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Dial H. Miles, office, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 2-2886.

BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Exec. Sec., Earl A. Moorhead; Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtright, 1897 Ellen Ave., San Jose; phone CYpress 5-3849. Main office, 45 Santa Teresa Ave., San Jose, phone CYpress 3-0252.

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CARPENTERS 925 — Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Carpenters Hall. Pres., Virgil Fransen; Fin. Secy. and Bus. Agent, Harvey Baldwin; Rec. Secy., A. O. Miller. Hall and office, 422 N. Main St., phone 9293.

CARPENTERS 1279 (King City) — Meets 1st and 3rd Friday, Carpenters Hall, K.C. Sec. and B.A., Jack Swart, 225 Bassett St., King City, phone 197.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373 — Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Dorothea Francis; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Carrie Francis; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Jean Pilliar, 123 Prunedale Road, phone 9902.

CARPENTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL—Meets 2nd Tuesday, alternating between Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey, King City, 8 p.m. Pres., A. O. Miller, 41 Katherine, Salinas, phone 9293; Vice-Pres., Sam Combs, 440 7th Ave., Santa Cruz,phone 1283-M; Secy.-Treas., Leo E. Thiltgen, 12 Serrano Way, Monterey, phone Monterey 2-0335.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County), Salinas—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays, 8 p.m., 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Dial H. Miles; Secy.-Treas., Alfred J. Clark. Office in Glikbarg Bldg., 6 West Gabilan St., Room 18, phone 7787.

DRY CLEANERS 33—Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Labor Temple. Pres., Dempsey McPherson; Sec., Claudia Staten; Bus. Agt., Lola Chantler. Office, 45 Santa Teresa, San Jose, phone CYpress 2-1454.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesday; Executive Board 3rd Wednesday; 117 Pajaro St., Salinas. Pres., Frank Karp, 217 Quilla St., phone 2-1151; Rec. Sec., P. M. Lindeman, 246 Dennis St., phone 2-4225.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39 — Meets on call, 117 Pajaro, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Matt Tracy; Sec., Frank Brantley; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, Room 457, Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Main office, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, phone UNderhill 1-1135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS & FISHERMEN'S UNION OF THE PACIFIC, SAN FRANCISCO AND MOSS LANDING BAY AREAS—Sec.-Treas., Geo. Issel; office 257 5th St., Richmond, phone BEacon 5-0852; Asst. Sec., Chas. Snyder. Office phone BEacon 5-0852; Moss Landing phone, Castroville 6613.

HOTEL-RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES AND BARTENDERS 355—Meets 2nd Monday, Women's City Club, 9 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. H. Eakin, 46 Barbara Place, phone 2-4465; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., A. J. Clark; Asst., Bus. Agt., Virgil C. Knight; office, Room 18, Glikbarg Bldg., 6 W. Gabilan St., phone 6209.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at Salinas Labor Temple, 4th Monday at Soledad Forester Hall. Pres., Carl S. Jones; Sec.-Bus. Agent., John F. Mattos, Labor Temple, 177 Pajaro, phone 2-7077.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. McKrone, Box 514, Freedom; Sec. and B. A., Dean Siefeldt, 1533 First Av., Salinas, phone 5418.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 33 — Meets 3rd Thursday, 5:15 p.m., Labor Temple. Pres., Hazel Skewes; Sec., Grace MacRossie; Bus. Agt., Lola Chantler, 45 Santa Teresa, San Jose, phone CYpress 2-1454.

MECHANICS and MACHINISTS 1824 — Meets 1st Tuesday; Executive Board, 1st Monday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wayne Purcell, 22 Harkins Road, phone 2-5159; Fin. Sec., Ed McLean, 262 Noice Dr.; Rec. Sec., C. C. Stover, 537 Green St.; Bus. Agt., Earl Cheate. Office, 117 Pajaro, phone 2-0835.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., Otis Sleeper, 400 Natividad St., phone 2-2907; Rec. Sec., L. Wendelkin, 1130½ Acosta, phone 2-6240; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agent, Peter A. Greco, 417 Lincoln. Office, Labor Temple, phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets 2nd Wed., 4th Thurs., Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray T. Jones, 146 Pine, phone 5530; Rec. and B.A., Carl Smith, home phone 2-2565.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503—Meets 2nd Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Gene Baggett; Rec. Sec., Al Bianchini; Fin. Sec., Leo Gray. Office, Labor Temple, phone 2-3517.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046 — Meets 3rd Wednesday, Woman's Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., John Ball, 636 Central, phone 7-2961

PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Assts. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., Salinas even months, Monterey odd months; Pres., Mervin E. Tierney, 219 4th St., P.G.; Sec.-Treas., Robt. J. Lovejoy, 1366 Alta Vista, Seaside, phone Monterey 2-6901.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Lawrence Vestal, 406 Calif. St., phone 3624; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Garold F. Miller, 206 Alisal St., phone 2-3366; office phone 4938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Melvin Jones, 241 Margaret St., Salinas; Sec. and B. A., Leslie B. Sellars, 210 Granite St., Pacific Grove, phone 5-6962.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 309—Meets 1st Friday, Franco Hotel, Castroville. Pres., Emil Meyer, 22260 Stevens Creek Road, Cupertino, ph. AX 6-4448; Sec.-Bus. Mgr., Floyd Reed, office 1452 N. 4th St., San Jose; Rec. Sec., James Madriago, 430 N. 4th, San Jose, ph. CY 5-6521; Area Bus. Agt., Harry Foster, 341 Sequoia, Salinas.

STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611 — Meets 1st Tuesday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 9:30 a.m. Pres., Stanley Falkenberg, 2 Serrano Way, Monterey, phone 2-7758; Rec. Sec., Al Pierce, 717 Sunset Dr., Capitola, phone, Santa Cruz 5629-M; Fin. Sec., Art Jackson, 1123 Kimmel, Salinas, phone 2-0818; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 228 Peyton, Santa Cruz, phone 1216.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616 — Meets 2nd and 4th Monday, Spreckels Fire Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Joseph Linden, 30 3rd St., phone 2-3078; Sec.-Treas., Robert MacRossie, 59 1st St., phone 3064.

TEACHERS 1020 — Meets 3rd Monday Salinas, 7:30 p.m. Pres., John H. Lewis, 522 Crescent Way, phone 2-5262; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Thelma Fox, 31 Willow, Salinas, phone 2-3682.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND HELPERS 890—Meets 1st Thursday, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., John Sullivan, 1084 W. Laurel St.; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Wm. G. Kenyon; Bus. Agt., Glen Wilkerson; Office, 274 E. Alisal, Salinas, phone 5743.

TYPOGRAPHICAL 543 — Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m. alternating at Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., L. A. Spencer, Salinas; Sec.-Treas., A. C. Davis, 109 Prospect St., Watsonville, phone 4-3217.

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CARPENTERS LADIES' AUXILIARY 674—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays, 8 p.m., Carpenters Hall. Pres., Mrs. Elias Hauck; Sec., Mrs. Robert Dalton, 864 Congress, Pacific Grove, phone 2-4314; Treas., Mrs. S. F. Maxwell, 2022 Del Monte, ph. 2-4231.

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ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072 — Meets 2nd Monday 691 Lighthouse, 7:30 p.m.; Pres., P. J. Tracey, 441 Pine St., Pacific Grove; Fin. Sec., Gordon Howe, Pacific Street, Monterey, phone 5-4443; Rec. Sec., John DeGroat, 410 Clay St., Monterey; Bus. Agent LeRoy Hastey, Forest & Morse, Pacific Grove, phone 5-4632;Office Forest & Morse Sts., phone 5-4632.

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FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall. Pres., Michael Youlden; Sec.-Treas., Thomas P. Flores, 628 Lilly St.; Bus. Agt., John Crivello, 927 Franklin St. Office and hall, 233 Alvarado St., phone 5-3126.

HOTEL-RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES AND BARTENDERS 483—Meets 1st Weds., 8:30 p.m.; 3rd Weds., 2:30 p.m., 338 Calle Principal. Pres., Louis Gold; Sec.-Treas., Robert S. Harrington, Box 539, P. G., phone 2-4745; office, 338 Calle Principal, phone 5-6734.

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MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192—Meets 3rd Friday, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Bartenders Hall; Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley Pacific Grovee, phone 5-6569; Sec., Dortis Lake.

MUSICIANS 616—Meets 1st Sunday, 2 p.m., 135 W. Franklin. Pres., Louis B. Walker, 589 Ocean View, Pacific Grove, phone 2-1577; Sec., Don B. Foster. Office, 125 W. Franklin, phone 5-6166; Bus. Agt., Fred Storer, 239 Auburn St., Salinas, phone 2-0579.

PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 320 Hoffman St., Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Jack Shannon; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., M. Isackson, office, 320 Hoffman St., phone 5-6744.

PLASTERERS & CEMENT MASONS 337—Meets 1st Friday, 8 p.m., 320 Hoffman St. Pres., Otto Radley; Sec. and Bus. Agt., T. B. Ellis, 739 Noche Buena, Seaside, phone 2-1703; office, 320 Hoffman, phone 5-6744.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 62—Meets 4th Fridays, Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne, 8 p.m. Pres., Anthony Alves; Rec. Sec., Raul B. Hazdovac, P.O. Box 11, Carmel; Bus. Agt., James Hurl; office 778 Hawthorne St., ph. 2-7580.

POST OFFICE CLERKS 1259—Meets 1st Thursday of month, Rm. G, P.O. Bldg., 8:30 p.m. Pres., David "Bud" Dougherty, 404 Lighthouse, P. G.; phone 2-3214; Sec. and B.A., Dick Miller, 208 Via Del Rey, phone 5-6239; mail to, Local 1259, Post Office, Monterey.

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TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION 759 — Meets 3rd Friday, Bartenders Hall, 7:30 p.m Pres., Cecil D. Starnes, 1071 Cass St. ph. 2-6156; Sec., A. B Rotter, 412 De le Vina, ph. 5-5406.

Tax Favors, Giveaways, And Foreign Mess Cause Big Maine Vote Upset

New York — Taxes, giveaways and foreign affairs were among the national issues in the minds of Maine voters, Governor-elect Edmund S. Muskie told a TV interviewer who asked about reasons for his election.

Muskie is the first Democrat elected as Maine governor in 20 years.

He said that in the beginning state issues were the primary concerns of voters. But as the campaign developed, especially in the congressional races resulting in close-margin victories for GOP incumbents, national dissatisfactions came into the picture, he declared.

Yorty Supports AFL Economic Program as Good for the Country

San Francisco—Rep. Sam Yorty, Democratic nominee for the U. S. Senate from California, hailed the AFL's 10-point plan for "full prosperity."

Yorty wired AFL Pres. George Meany in a telegram that the plan "might well prove that what's good for the rank and file citizen is good for the country."

Auto, Truck Output Hits November Low

Detroit—Fewer automobiles and trucks were produced last week than at any time since last November, Ward's Automotive Reports said. Only 82,477 cars and trucks were turned out.

Ford was the only producer to work more than four days, Ward's reported.

Attend, take part, make your union stronger!

ATOM BETTERS PROSPECTS FOR ELECTRICIANS

Chicago.—J. Scott Milne, president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, believes the atom has given the electrical industry the brightest future of all industries in North America.

Milne told delegates to the 25th convention of the union that "we are only on the border of the atomic age, but already the effect of the atom in industry, defense and medicine is a going concern." He said powerhouses to be run by atomic energy already are under way in five areas of the U. S.

The IBEW head criticized the Taft-Hartley Act but praised employers in the electrical industry.

"We are at peace and have a good relationship with the vast majority of our employers," he declared. "Our conditions and wages are the best in history.

REDS NO PROBLEM

Milne estimated that more than 500,000 of the union's 625,000 members received pay increases this year, ranging from 4 to 25 cents an hour. He said raises must be granted to help make up for buying power lost by layoffs and to adjust Electrical Workers' rates in several areas in the U. S.

Milne and IBEW Secy. Joseph Keenan said that Communists and racketeers "are no problem at all in the Electrical Workers."

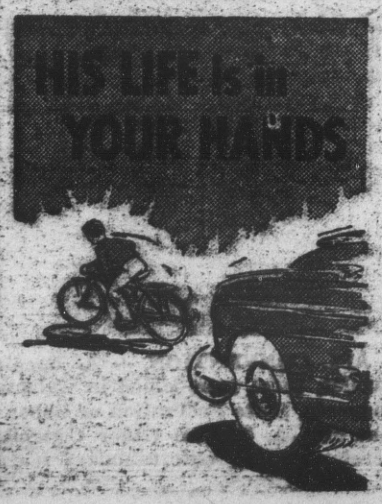
"We're about as clean, so far as Communists and hoodlums are concerned, as any international union in the country," they said.

HERE'S HOW TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

Since you cannot refrain from drinking, why not start a saloon in your own home? Be the only customer and you will not have to buy a license. Give your wife $50 to buy a case of whiskey. There are 300 snorts in a case.

Buy all of your drinks from your wife at 50 cents a snort and in 12 days, when the case is gone, your wife will have $100 to put in the bank and will have $50 to start in business again.

If you live 10 years and continue to buy all your booze from your wife, and then die in your boots from the snakes, your widow will have $30,000 on deposit, sufficient to bury you respectfully, bring up your children, pay off the mortgage on the house, marry a decent man, and forget she ever knew you.



REPEAL OF N.J. ANTI-STRIKE LAW RECOMMENDED

Trenton. — Repeal of New Jersey's controversial public utility anti-strike law has been recommended by a special tripartite committee appointed to study the measure by Gov. Robert B. Meyner.

STRIKES INCREASED

The 8-1 decision of the committee urging the repeal action said that "the most successful restraints on the use of the strike seem to have been those which the parties voluntarily imposed upon themselves."

The 1946 act empowered the governor to seize and operate strike-bound utilities when convinced that the public welfare was endangered. Since its adoption, strikes in the utilities field have increased, the committee report stated.

Following are the major recommendations of the committee:

That the law and its amendments be repealed.

That the state rely on traditional methods of collective bargaining for settlement of disputes.

That the law creating the New Jersey State Board of Mediation be amended to require both the union and the company to give the State Board of Mediation 72 hours notice in advance of any scheduled strike.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

That the law require the company and the union to report to the Mediation Board at 48-hour intervals during a strike on progress in attempts to settle the dispute.

That the state legislature adopt a joint resolution affirming its confidence in collective bargaining as "the most efficient means of resolving labor disputes."

That the governor convene the legislature to take prompt and appropriate action to protect the public in event that a strike in a public utility "critically affects the health, safety and welfare of the state or any community."

Doherty Raps Praise of Ike's Pay Hike Veto

Los Angeles — AFL Vice-President W. C. Doherty, president National Association of Letter Carriers, criticized the remarks of Guy L. Brown, president Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in which Brown praised President Eisenhower's veto of the federal employes pay raise.

Taking the rostrum at the AFL 73rd convention, Doherty outlined briefly the long and arduous fight to get a token 5 percent pay increase passed by Congress only to have it vetoed by President Eisenhower after Congress had adjourned and had no chance to override the veto.

"Guy L. Brown was quoted as saying the President 'acted wisely' in vetoing the Federal pay raise bill — a 5 percent increase," Doherty said. "When the arbitration board denied the 22½ percent increase to the BLE — and I am sure it was a justified demand — Mr. Guy L. Brown characterized the decision as 'the most flagrant violation of moral justice I have witnessed in 40 years of railroading.'"

Doherty said a presidential pocket veto which Brown praised, is nothing more than arbitrary action by management.

"Guy L. Brown's unkind and untimely utterances were not in keeping with the spirit or letter of true free trade union ideals."

15,000 "Go Fishing"

Portsmouth, Ohio (PAI)—Some 15,000 AFL building trades workers on the Pike County atomic plant construction project "just went fishing" after learning of the hiring of non-union workers, a union spokesman said. The beef was quickly settled with the Goodyear Atomic Corp., future private operator of the plant.

Attend Union Meetings!



PROTEST: George McLain, chairman of the California Institute of Social Welfare, before Ralph Brown of Modesto, chairman of the Interim Assembly hearing on horse-racing, voices objection to financial contributions from gambling to be used as anti-pension funds. McLain's organization sponsors Prop. 4, "Aid to Needy Aged," which is backed by organized labor and seeks to increase pension payments from $80 to $100 a month thru voter approval on Nov. 2.

Carpenters, Machinists End 40-Yr. Dispute on Installing

Los Angeles.—The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and the International Association of Machinists signed an agreement ending a 40-year-old jurisdictional dispute over manufacturing, installing, erecting and repairing certain machinery and equipment.

The peace pact was signed and made public, effective Sept. 18, by Carpenters' President M. A. Hutcheson and Machinists President A. J. Hayes, both AFL vice-presidents.

The agreement shall be in effect two years and automatically renew itself if neither party requests any modifications.

It includes a no-strike pledge which provides that any dispute over work named in the agreement shall be settled by consultation, negotiation and final and binding arbitration.

Presidents Hayes and Hutcheson began talks one year ago toward resolving the issue. In a joint statement on the agreement, they said:

"It represents a very important step in bringing together the organizations in the trade union movement in a manner that will permit them to utilize their strength and effectiveness in the best interests of their members."

Under its terms, the Machinists will have jurisdiction over manufacturing, installing, erecting and repairing of printing presses of all kinds and auxiliary printing machinery; certain work in brewery and bottling plants; all machine shop work in connection with construction.

The Carpenters, or Millwrights, will have jurisdiction over handling, erecting and installing of machinery, motors, conveyors and equipment in new construction and additions; certain work in brewery and bottling plants.

The erection and installation of steam, hydro and gas turbines and generator units shall be performed by a composite crew of equal numbers of Machinists and Millwrights under the bargaining agreements and working rules of the Millwrights.

High House Cost —Blame Builders

Los Angeles.—Scandals in the Federal Housing Administion have now revealed that much of the excessive costs in postwar building went into the pockets of speculative builders as windfall profits.

That's the lesson of the Congressional hearings into FHA operations, President Richard J. Gray told the 47th annual convention of the Building and Construction Trades Department.

PUBLIC KNOWS REASON

"While these disclosures have made the public a little suspicious of federal aid to housing of any nature, one of the salutary effects has been that the public is also beginning to realize the reason for some of the high building costs," Gray declared.

"At first, the blame had been put on high material costs. Then these costs declined and labor became the favorite whipping boy.

"These Congressional hearings," he said, "now reveal that much of the excessive costs in building was the improper siphoning off of mortgage funds by some speculative builders. Mortgage funds intended for the house ended up in the builder's pocket.

IGNORED LAWS

"It is ironic to note that the blame for building costs was attributed to labor while at the same time builders were notoriously ignoring not only the Davis-Bacon Act to pay prevailing wages but even the Fair Labor Standards Act to pay even a minimum wage."

Gray expressed hope that some benefit will result from the investigations and that Government officials will realize that the true purpose of Government in housing is to make good housing available to more people—not just to serve exclusively a private commercial interest.

Byrd Blasts "Soft Policy"

Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D., Va.) asserted the Eisenhower Administration's apparent "soft policy" toward fraud threatens to turn the Government's multi-billion-dollar housing program "into a den of thieves."

Byrd, chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Reduction of Nonessential Federal Expenditures, accused the Justice Department of failing to "bring more Federal housing profiteers and malfeasants to justice."

Byrd aimed criticism particularly at Acting Attorney General William P. Rogers and FHA Commissioner Norman P. Mason.

He assailed Mason for announcing last month that the Government would not "blackball" all companies that made "windfall" profits out of Government-guaranteed building loans.

Home Tips ★★

When you are making that new fall dress, press narrow darts to one side. Lengthwise darts should be pressed toward the center front or center back of the dress. Crosswise darts are pressed downward.

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The reason for rinsing spaghetti or macaroni as soon as it is finished cooking, is so that it won't stick together. If sauce is to be added to it as soon as it is drained, rinsing isn't necessary.

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Children will learn to put on their own rubbers or boots more quickly if you make the job a little easier for them. One trick is to use wax paper or aluminum foil over the rubber heel of the shoe, to make it slide in easily.

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Here's a timely hint to keep in mind during the jelly making season for a more satisfactory product: Be sure to work with small quantities—not more than six to eight cups of juice at a time.

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Here's a year-around use for your nutcracker: Keep it in the medicine cabinet as it makes an ideal tool for opening small-necked bottles.

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Apricot whole fruit nectar makes a wonderful base for punch. Plan on using frozen lime juice or lemonade concentrate with it and garnish the punch bowl with fruit and fresh mint leaves.

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To cook young tender greens cut from the tops of beets, put the leaves in a covered pan without water and steam about 10 minutes. If you have just washed the leaves, there will be enough water clinging to them to make steam.

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When you don't have time to bake bread pudding in the usual large cassarole, bake it in custard cups. It usually cuts the baking time in half.

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It's a good idea to carry some special "polish-up" tools — including a damp sponge or two and some polishing cloths — in a basket as you do your housecleaning. Often when you go into the living room to vacuum, you find that sudsing the mirror or window sash would add greatly to the general sparkle. If you have all the equipment handy, there's little extra effort involved.

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When rain falls, your hair is likely to do the same. Try a handy tucker-upper trick: use moist soap to slick up stray locks of hair. It will hold them firmly in place—and there's always some soap handy if the stubborn hairs begin to drift down again while you're away from home.

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To clean under cumbersome chests of drawers, remove the bottom drawer and use your vacuum attachment or a long-handled brush to reach in and get the dust.

CIO TO AFL ---GREETINGS

Los Angeles.—CIO Pres. Walter P. Reuther extended fraternal greetings from the CIO to the 73rd convention of the AFL here and expressed the hope of future unity of the American trade union movement.

Reuther's letter, read by AFL Secy.-Treasurer William F. Schnitzler, was received with applause by the 750 delegates.

"The ratification of the no-raiding agreement during the past year by our two organizations and by a substantial majority of our affiliates represents, in the opinion of the CIO, a heartening trend toward the elimination of friction within the American labor movement," Reuther said.

"On the foundation of this agreement, I hope that the representatives of our two organizations may strengthen the bonds of fraternal friendship and set the foundation for future unity of the American trade union movement."

Observe Safety Rules!

½ MILLION HOUSES IN CAL. ARE DUMPS

(State Housing Report)

The Commission of Housing has presented to Governor Knight its printed report and recommendations on California housing. The report contains the Commission's recommendations for a housing program for California embracing the following main points:

(1) Slum and blight prevention and correction in cities, on the fringes of cities and in rural areas; (2) firm enforcement of the State Housing Act and city and county zoning and building ordinances; (3) adoption by California of President Eisenhower's housing program, as enacted by Congress, for housing conservation, rehabilitation, and redevelopment.

In the report the Commission called to the attention of the Governor and the Legislature housing conditions throughout the State as depicted in the 1950 Federal Census of Housing. The Commission revealed that more than 500,000 dwelling units in California are without hot running water, private toilet and bath, or are dilapidated and that more than 400,000 of our dwellings are overcrowded. The report pinpoints the worst areas of the State.

Msgr. Thomas J. O'Dwyer, Chairman of the Commission, stated that although the Federal Housing Census revealed that this State's housing conditions are better than the national average, California is not satisfied with being better than average. The Chairman advised that the State must plan for the construction of 1,500,000 new healthful, well-built houses to accommodate another population increase from 3,430,777 to 4,332,777 in the next decade.

BAD IN FRINGE AREAS

The report emphasizes substandard housing in unincorporated areas and on the fringes of cities. From a housing survey made in the San Joaquin Valley under direction of the Division of Housing it indicated that more than 50 per cent of housing units on the fringes of cities and more than 60 per cent in urban rural areas do not comply with the State Housing Act; that about 60 per cent have no bathing facilities and that about 70 per cent in fringe areas and about 80 per cent in urban rural areas have no sewerage facilities; and about 60 per cent in fringe areas and about 65 per cent in urban rural areas have no garbage disposal facilities. Chairman O'Dwyer pointed out that the State's tremendous increase in population is causing expansion and development of these fringe and urban rural housing developments throughout the state, and that they are not subject to the State Housing Act, nor are many of them subject to county building codes. Such developments are without any regulation and constitute a hazard to the health and safety of occupants, their neighborhoods, and the entire State. The Commission recommends that the State Housing Act be made applicable to dwellings outside cities and that counties adopt a building code. Twenty-two of California's 58 counties now have a building code.

HOW TO GET FEDERAL AID

The Commission points out to the Governor and the Legislature that the 1954 Federal Housing Act provides for financial assistance for housing conservation, rehabilitation, and redevelopment but only if the local community has a satisfactory housing inspection and improvement program. The Commission emphasizes that President Eisenhower stated that "Federal assistance is justified for communities which face up to the problem of neighborhood decay and undertake long range programs directed to its prevention." Chairman O'Dwyer stated that under present conditions housing in fringe and urban rural areas and in communities which do not enforce the State Housing Act and local building codes will be ineligible for federal financial aid. Communities which do not have effective planning commissions will also be ineligible, as the Federal Housing Act requires as a prerequisite for financial aid, that the community have an official plan for neighborhood improvement.

The Housing Commission is advising the Governor and the Legislature that it has learned through a series of regional housing conferences that while California cities, in accordance with the state law, have appointed planning commissions, many of the planning commissions meet only to pass on requested variances from local zoning laws and that a majority of the cities do not have an official qualified in planning work.

Chairman O'Dwyer stated that the recently enacted Federal Housing Act authorized $5,000,000 for 50 per cent grants to state agencies to help cities under 25,000 population with urban planning. The Commission is requesting assistance for establishment of a bureau of planning and research in the Division of Housing. The Division is already authorized by the Legislature to aid cities in planning.

NLRB Gives Bosses What They Didn't Get From Congress

Los Angeles. — General Counsel J. Albert Woll of the AFL charged here that the National Labor Relations Board is imposing by its interpretations of the Taft-Hartley Act the worst restrictions on labor which employers failed to get enacted as amendments by Congress.

"If the present trend continues," Woll told the AFL's 73rd convention, "there will be no need for further employer-inspired amendments to put teeth into Taft-Hartley—all will have been accomplished by administrative decision."

Calling the Republican-controlled NLRB "one of the gravest threats which organized labor has had to face for many a year," Woll cited these anti-labor decisions:

Exclusion of millions of employees of small employers from coverage by the law; permitting employers almost unlimited "free speech" against union organization; imposition of a compulsory no-strike clause in every contract in force; tight restrictions on picketing.

Cal. Factory and Building Jobs Drop

Civilian employment in California totaled 4,998,000 in August, seasonally up 57,000 from July, the Department of Industrial Relations and Department of Employment anounced last week.

The employment total was the second highest August on record as well as the highest level reached so far this year.

Unemployment underwent the usual seasonal decline, dropping by 30,000 between July and August to a preliminary estimate of 206,000. The unemployment estimates exclude workers directly involved in a work stoppage.

The July-August gain of 57,000 employed workers was primarily seasonal—fruit and vegetable canning accounted for about two-thirds of the increase; other seasonal gains were reported in agriculture, construction, and service.

Employment was off 64,000 from a year ago. This loss was accounted for largely by reductions in durable goods manufacturing and in construction. Employment was higher than a year ago in agriculture, service, finance, and government.

The State's civilian labor force totaled 5,204,000 in August 10,000 less than it was a year earlier.

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Lead Us in Prayer, Ike

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We note with interest and approval President Ike's attendance at church and the emphasis he has placed on prayer, such as opening cabinet meetings with prayer and setting aside an official room for prayer.

If it would not be out of place, we would like respectfully to suggest some subjects very close to our hearts in which the President and his associates might join with us in prayer.

We ask him to pray with us that the health of our people be removed from the crippling, fatal taint of monetary gain and that all who work and help make this nation prosperous be assured through their own contributions a nation-wide system of medical care completely free of charity, begging campaigns, and monetary consideration. We are sure Jesus would have had it this way.

We ask him to pray with us that all people who work for a living be given full chance to secure that wholesome assurance of a home of their own without having to spend virtually a lifetime in hard work paying for it, paying off to all sorts of middlemen who live off the wage-earner in his quest for the most elementary comforts.

We ask President Eisenhower to join our prayer that the elderly people of this land, those who work all their lives and make it the most prosperous land on earth, be granted freedom from toil at reasonable age in the early fifties, when industry will no longer have them, and their lives be made comfortable, secure, and dignified, so that our children will strive to attain the honor of senior citizenship.

We ask you, Mr. President, to join us in praying that nothing be left undone to open the way to talks, conferences, discussion, debate among the great powers of the world, so that we may become fully acquainted and understanding of each other and thus eventually remove the frightful costs of war, which should be going into homes and health for the world's peoples, and also remove forever the unbelievable spectre of scientific, civilized animals killing each other for lack of Christly understanding.

We ask these things in the name of simple justice and humanity. Amen.

JOKES. Etc.

"Mrs. Biggs," said the new boarder at breakfast. "Who owns those ferryboats I tripped over coming down the stairs just now?"

The landlady shot him a fierce look. "Ferryboats, indeed she cried. "I'll have you understand they're my shoes."

The boarder smiled uneasily. "I didn't say ferryboats," he hastily replied. I said "fairy boots."

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A disgusted parent wrote a note of complaint to the teacher and wound it up with this: "If all Herbert learns in school is to swear, I'll keep him home and teach him myself."

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Dick Graves, who runs the famous jackpot center, "Nugget Club," in Carson City on high-gear Tahoe Route 50, says everybody at his place seems to be naturalists—anyway they throw a lot of sevens.

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Foreman (to applicant with slight physique) — "Do you think you are fit for really hard labor?"

Applicant: "Well, some of the best judges in the country have thought so."

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"But dear," gushed the girl, "is it fair to go to the show with a boy you dislike?"

"Well, it's like this," replied her friend. "I enjoy the picture and he enjoys my company."

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Nothing is harder on a woman's clothes than another woman.

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Taxpayers: Those who don't have to pass a civil service exam to work for the government.

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Blonde in restaurant as escort studies check: "You look ill. Is it something I ate?"

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Young man: "Have you a book called, 'Man, the World's Ruler,' please?"

Librarian: "I should think you might find it in the fiction department, sir."

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Dad, looking suspiciously at the dessert his daughter had whipped up: "What's this?"

Daughter: "It's cottage pudding. We learned how to make it at school today."

Dad: "Well, I think I got a piece of shingle in my mouth."

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FAIR PLAY

"Here, here, young man. You shouldn't hit that boy when he's down."

"G'wan. What do you think I got him down for,"

Official Retiring

Richmond, Va. (PAI) — W. F. Robinson, former AFL Machinist official and labor representative on the Virginia State Industrial Commission for the last 14 years, has submitted his request for retirement effective Nov. 1 to Gov. Stanley. The Commission, which administers the Workman's Compensation Act, is made up of one member from labor, one from business and one from the public. There are no indications of who will fill the labor post.

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

By WM. G. KENYON, Secy.
Monterey County Teamsters, Local 890

In this article we will discuss the changes in your Social Security with respect to the retirement test. Specifically, we will answer these questions: **"After I retire, how much can I earn and still receive my Social Security check?" or "How much can anyone receiving monthly payments earn without causing the payments to stop?"**

To answer these questions, let's take the case of a 68-year old who came into the local Social Security office recently. He learned that his **payments were to be increased from $70 to $78.50** and this would mean a lot to him. Yet there was something else bothering him and he asked if there was a **change in the amount he could earn under Social Security. He knew the retirement test** had a purpose. Without it, the cost of the Social Security program would be **greatly increased** and **higher payments** to those already retired **would be more difficult at best.**

Then he told his story. It developed that he worked part time for the company with which he was employed before retirement. They called him in during rush periods such as Christmas. Last year he worked about three months and earned more than $75 in each month. This caused the loss of his payments for 3 months. He didn't think this was quite fair and cited the case of his brother who is self-employed. His brother could have net income from his business of $900 for the entire year and not lose any benefit rights. In addition, the brother could work for wages of $75 per month and still get his checks. **He earns $1800—losing no checks** while our 68-year old **earns a small fraction of that amount and he lost three checks.** He wanted to know if the **new amendments** to the law changed that situation in any way.

He was quickly assured that his brother, **begining January 1, 1955,** would total all his earned income over the year and our friend would have the same yearly earning test as his brother. **Under the new test all beneficiaries will be limited to $1200 of earned income per year. Income from a trade or business and wages received as an employee will be lumped to arrive at the total earnings.** A person will be able to work at **$105.00** per month and lose only **one check** for the **entire year.** The old law would have caused the **loss of all 12 checks** during the year.

The maximum combined earnings from employment (whether covered under the Act or not) is **$1200.** For each **$80** or **fraction of $80** the worker will lose **one check.** But he **will not lose** a check for **any month** he did not earn more than $80 as a wage earner nor rendered substantial services as self-employed person. The 68-year old was puzzled and asked if the new test included earnings from any source whether covered by Social Security or not. The answer was "yes," **but that the age at which the earnings test is no longer effective will be reduced from age 75 to age 72. This means that the retired worker has a lifetime monthly annuity at age 72, beginning on January 1, 1955."**

There are other **advantages** for **partially retired people** under the new law which will be explained in later articles. For **further information about the new law you should call at your local Social Security office at the address shown below.**

Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone CYpress 2-2480.

The last Nebraska town served by a private utility—Spalding population 70 — has voted 234-56 to take over the uitlity itself.

For a Better America



Live a Little Longer

LEG CRAMPS ARE PAINFUL

By DR. WILLIAM A. SAWYER
IAM Medical Consultant

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Here are two questions often raised by readers:

"My wife and I have considerable trouble with cramps in our legs and feet. They usually attack in the early morning or shortly after midnight. Several friends have similar trouble."

Leg cramps often occur in elderly persons because of poor circulation. Of course, there are other causes of leg cramps, and only your doctor can say what the cause is in your case.

Quinine tablets taken at bedtime afford many persons with leg cramps a great deal of relief. It might be worthwhile to ask your own doctor about the possibility of using this form of treatment. Here is the other question:

"My joints snap and crack almost every time I bend them. My knees snap if I turn sideways, step down from a high place, or when I draw my foot up to put socks on.

"My wrists snap every time I rotate them. My elbows get catches in them. My ankles snap or crack occasionally, also my neck. I experience no pain or swelling, and all joints work good and are not stiff.

"My doctor thought it might be roughening of the tendons. He took X-ray of one wrist, and it looked normal. I had a uric acid blood test, which proved normal.

"The doctor had me try a diet which eliminated foods containing uric acid. He also gave me pills to counteract uric acid. My doctor said there was nothing more he could do.

"I would like to know the different causes of such condition and what is actually taking place when snapping occurs. I would like to know what kind of specialist to go to, and what further tests my doctor should make."

The snapping and cracking of your joints is not an unusual phenomenon. A great many individuals complain of this and ask questions about it.

I am not sure that we know the exact reason for it, but in all probability it is due to stiffening and thickening of the cartilage on the joint surfaces.

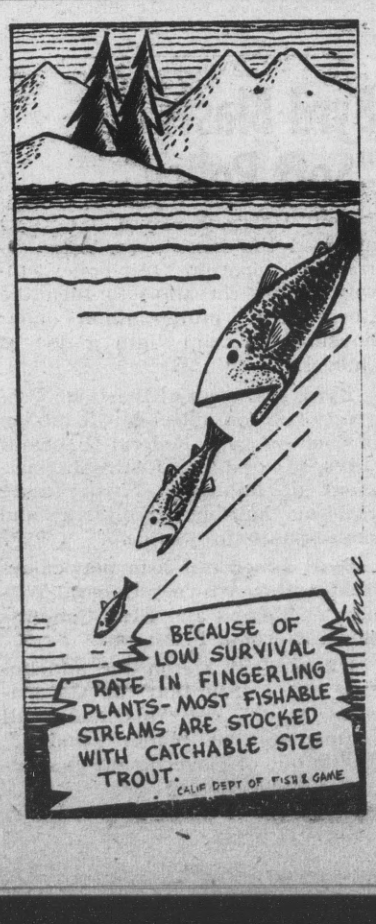
So far as I know, it does not seem to have any special significance. Very often it will go and come but never develop into anything disabling or painful. I have experienced some of these crackings myself.

As we grow older our tissues have a tendency to become less elastic. If we kept up a fairly active physical life, such as athletes or gymnasts do, we would avoid such things for the most part.

Sedentary existence leads to stiffening and thickening. If you were to undergo regular daily exercises with some massage and the use of heat, you might be able to eliminate this annoying situation, but I do not think you need to worry that much about it.

I think you have had good medical consideration and all of the necessary tests have been made.

If it continues to worry you and you want to get the best possible consideration of it, I would suggest that you consult an orthopedic specialist, that is, one concerned with bones and joints.



U.S. Farm Prices Continue to Drop

Washington (PAI)—Department of Labor statistics for August show that the farmer is continuing to lose ground with grocery store bills almost as high as ever.

Farmers' prices dropped 0.5 per cent between July and August while the price of processed food dropped only 0.2 per cent.

While wholesale prices have shown considerable stability during 1954 the farmer was the low man on the totem pole during the year. Thus the Farm Products index is now nearly 4 per cent below the 1954 high and only 1 per cent above the 1954 low point reached in June.

Ask Full U.S. Health Plan

Los Angeles. — The AFL 73rd convention called on the Administration and new Congress to enact a 5-point National Health Program to provide adequate medical care for the American people.

The proposal was one of the first planks in the 1955 AFL legislative program to be approved by the convention. It would:

1. Establish a system of prepaid health protection which will provide all Americans with a complete program of preventive care, diagnostic services, and comprehensive rehabilitative services for the disabled.

2. Provide Federal assistance to schools of medicine and dentistry, for training nurses and medical technicians, for construction of hospitals and health centers, for student scholarships and research.

3. Extend Federal aid to state and local health programs, and aid maternal and child health services and the expansion of programs for handicapped children.

4. Develop a mental health program which will improve our mental hospitals, increase the facilities and services for care of the mentally ill, and provide for the training of psychiatrists and other mental health personnel.

5. Aid in the understanding and prevention of chronic diseases.

The convention noted that the current health standards of the nation are far below even minimum needs because of drastic shortages of doctors, nurses, hospitals, clinics, and medical schools.

It pointed out that surveys show eight million families in debt for medical costs.

"We believe that the responsibility for meeting the health needs of the nation's families rests squarely with the present Administration and the Congress, for they can establish the machinery for a national health insurance system which, among other things, would provide for preventive medicine and a system of prepaid health protection; assure high quality medical services, facilities and personnel in expanding quantity and quality, while at the same time protecting the rights of individual patients and individual doctors," the convention said.

Another NLRB Ruling Restricts Right to Picket

On the heels of its decision limiting the joint activity of workers in presenting grievances to management, the National Labor Relations Board has handed down another ruling which places new and tighter restrictions on the right to picket.

By the same 3 to 2 division, the NLRB ruled that Local 1730 of the AFL Painters, on a Georgia construction job, failed to take adequate steps in its strike operations to identify the "primary" employer against whom it was picketing.

Actually, the union carried two different signs. In August the sign read, "This Job Is Unfair to Painters Local No. 1730, AFL." The second sign, used in September, dropped "This Job" and substituted the name of the painting contractor with whom it had a dispute.

The union contended that this made it clear to other workers at the construction site that the Painters Union was conducting a strike only against the painting subcontractor and no others.

However, the three-man Eisenhower-appointed majority on the Board ruled that in light of the August sign the union should have taken "unmistakable and unambiguous measures to disengage the neutrals"—to let other workers on the job know that it no longer was picketing the entire construction job.

In a strong dissent from this ruling, the Board minority—Abe Murdock and Ivar Peterson—declared that the majority decision "goes further in prohibiting picketing of a primary employer at a common situs (location) than any case ever issued by the Board in enforcing" the secondary boycott ban.

"The majority," they said, "finds that the union should have taken 'unmistakable and unambiguous measures' to 'disengage the neutrals.' Apparently, what the majority means is that the union should have actually attempted to persuade employees of other employers to cross the picket line."

The union is you! It's your best friend. Support it in every way possible!

ALUMINUM RAISE

St. Louis (PAI) — The AFL Aluminum Workers have announced a tentative agreement with the Reynolds Aluminum Company calling for an average 7 to 8-cent increase for 2,800 workers here, Richmond, Va. and Sheffield. The agreement also provides for more liberal hospitalization, life insurance, vacation and retirement benefits.

GOP Program: One Big Bungle

(AFL Release)

Fort Worth, Texas.—Sam Rayburn, Democratic leader of the House of Representatives, called the Eisenhower Administration "inept" and its legislative program "as dynamic as the dodo, as forward-looking as yesterday."

Rayburn predicted that the Democrats will regain control of Congress in the November elections.

DESCRIBED AS INEPT

"If there is one word in the English language that would properly describe the Republican Administration, it is the word 'inept,'" the Texas lawmaker said in a nation-wide radio-TV speech.

"This Administration has bungled our foreign relations through an ineptness that astounds those of us who, even though in a minority in Congress, want to protect this great Government."

On domestic issues, Rayburn charged that the Administration is "strictly for Big Business."

"The people know by now that the Eisenhower Administration and the Republican Congress have done a big job—a big job on the farmer, the consumer, the laborer and the family with a small income," he continued.

PROMISED EMPLOYMENT

He said the Administration promised full employment, but that now there are 3½ million American workers looking for jobs.

The former Speaker charged that the Administration looked at national defense from a dollar angle and not from the broad view of national safety.

"And I think those in charge are going out deliberately to destroy our public power, as demonstrated by the Dixon-Yates contract which appears to be the beginning of an effort to build a wall around TVA and never let it expand again," he added.

Plumbers Aid Engineering

Los Angeles. — President Martin P. Durkin of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union announced a new plan sponsored by his union for the training and education of deserving young men in engineering.

He said the plan is devised to meet the acute shortage of engineers, the country needing 40,000 next year when only 17,500 will be graduated.

"As America enters the atomic age, we are seriously handicapped in the peace-time uses of this great discovery simply because we are not taking positive steps to tap the reservoir of native intelligence which is everywhere in the nation," Durkin said.

He pointed out that Russia with its compulsory system will graduate 50,000 trained engineers next year.

Durkin proposed that in the service and defense of America each local union of the United Association sponsor pairs of apprentices who want to go to college to be trained as engineers. One would attend college while the other worked for a semester and then they would exchange places. At the end of five years, the apprentice would receive both his certificate as a journeyman member of the United Association and his college diploma in engineering.

ELECTIONS HOLD KEY TO FUTURE

Long Beach, Calif. — President Irven Barney of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen told 1,000 delegates to the union's 21st convention that the workers of America can shape a brighter future for themselves by going solidly to the polls and electing to office friends of the common people.

At the opening session, Assistant President A. J. Bernhardt was complimented by delegates for the part he played in the recent prolonged negotiations with the railroads which led to an agreement for a health and welfare fund, longer paid vacations, paid holidays and other improvements.

Dixon-Yates Deal Still to Come Under Spotlight

Washington (PAI)—Probe of the Dixon-Yates deal under which the Administration is seeking to compel the Tennessee Valley Authority to sign a contract which it has thus far opposed, seems far from over.

Senator William Langer, North Dakota Republican and chairman of the anti-monopoly subcommittee, is planning to go into details of the contract when he returns to Washington in October.

Langer wants to know whether it is true that public utility executives and power company lobbyists have been working inside the Administration in order to get administrative decisions which will be favorable to their interests.

Exact details of the contract have not been made public but charges have been made that the contract will yield a guaranteed profit of 9 per cent a year on the money to be invested by Dixon-Yates; that the Government is guaranteeing to assume all risks in the deal to such an extent that the utility combine will be able to get what amounts to a 95 per cent mortgage on the property, and that when all construction costs are met, mostly by the Government, the power plant will nevertheless remain the property of the Dixon-Yates syndicate.

Catty: "I've got a husband who spends all his money on me."

Kitty: "Stop, you make me jealous."

Catty: "It should, dearie. He's your husband."

Be Sure to Vote Nov. 2!



MACHINIST-CARPENTER DISPUTE ENDS — Oldest and stormiest jurisdictional dispute in American labor history ended as presidents of the AFL Carpenters and Machinists shake hands after signing a jurisdictional agreement as the AFL convention opened in Los Angeles, on the matter of installing machinery in new buildings. Al Hayes, left, IAM president and M. A. Hutcheson, Carpenter chief, smile their approval. In the picture, left to right seated are IAM Secy. Eric Peterson, Hayes, Hutcheson, and O. W. Blaier, Carpenter vice-president. Standing, left to right, Frank Chapman, Carpenters' treasurer; IAM Vice-President Ernie White; Joe Cambiano, Carpenters board member; IAM Vice-Pres. J. C. McGlon; Carpenters Vice-Pres. John R. Stevenson, and IAM Vice-Pres. Roy Brown.

California Must Conserve Water

By JOHN REBER

How much water wastes into the ocean each year via the Golden Gate? We have already mentioned that it is twice the volume of the Colorado River. Perhaps no one knows the exact amount, because measuring flowing water in tidal basins is next to impossible, and tides range way up the Sacramento River to 12 miles north of the City of Sacramento, and tides range down the San Joaquin River to about 15 miles south of the City of Stockton. It is also impossible to measure the amount of water accumulating from rainfall on the "flat areas" such as within the city limits of Sacramento, Colusa, Woodland, Stockton, Suisun, Napa, Sonoma, Petaluma San Mateo, San Jose, aHyward, Oakland, Richmond, Pittsburg, Tracy, Modesto, and the like, as well as in their environs; and it is equally impossible to measure the run-off from rainfall on the Suisun marshes the delta country, or the hundreds of thousands of acres of "flat lands" adjacent to San Francisco Bay, or, as a matter of fact, from rainfall on the surface of the 320,000 acres of open water in the Bay, itself. Nor is there included vast underground flows of water.

RUN-OFF FIGURES

However, figures of run-off of fresh water into the ocean via the Golden Gate do exist. A very comprehensive report on the "Flow in California Streams" was published as Bulletin No. 5 of the Department of Public Works, State of California, and resulted from an Act of the Legislature approriating adequate funds ($200,000) to ascertain facts regarding just what Bulletin No. 5 states, namely, "Report to the Legislature on the Water Resources of California." In its "foreword" this Bulletin No. 5 lists the names of 87 engineers who were employed to find out about the "Flow in California Streams." And they worked in conjunction with Federal authorities connected with the United States Weather Bureau, and with the U.S. Geological Survey of the Department of the Interior. Summed up on page 59 of Bulletin No. 5 under sub-title of "Mean Seasonal Run-off of California Streams" are these figures: "Sacramento Basin, 25,199,500 acre feet; San Joaquin Basin, 12,231,300 acre feet, and San Francisco Bay Basins, 825,000 acre feet." Total those three items and you get a sum of 38,355,100 acre feet as being the total of the run-off from the Golden Gate drainage basin which is the "mean seasonal" (i.e., average annual) amount of water which flows out into the ocean each year via the Golden Gate. That 38,355,100 acre feet is more than twice that total volume of 18,000,000 acre feet of water which is the reported "natural flow" (i.e., average annual) of the Colorado River.

Besides those 87 engineers mentioned as having prepared Bulletin No. 5 on the "Flow in California Streams," and under the direction of A. B. Fletcher, director of Public Works of California; W. F. McClure, chief of the Division of Engineering and Irrigation, and personal direction of Paul Bailey and his assistants, Fred D. Scoby, Robert L. Jones, and William S. Post, the report had a final "ging over" by a special consulting board of 10 members appointed by the Governor; and, as though this still wasn't enough, a 4-member group of super-experts were called in to pass judgment on the 10-member board of experts, who first passed judgment on the findings of the 87 engineers who were in charge of, and who prepared the report.

Our present State engineer, A. D. Edmonston, disagrees slightly with the findings set forth in Bulletin No. 5 that the run-off from the Golden Gate drainage basin amounts to 38,355,100 feet acre feet as the "average annual" since, in a speech Engineer Edmonston made at Fresno on February 9, 1951, before the American Geophysical Union, he stated the total run-off is 34,877,000 acre ft., and divided this into two categories as follows: "Central Valley, 33,637,000," and "San Francisco Bay Basin, 1,240,000." State Engineer Edmonston's estimate totaling 34,877,000 acre feet as the average annual run-off out through the Golden Gate is not two times as much as that 18,000,000 total "natural run-off" of the Colorado River, but it is more than twice as much as that 16,500,000 acre feet of "net water in the Colorado River" to be divided among 7 States after Mexico has been given its annual allotment of 1½ million acre feet of water.

WASTED WATER

State Engineer Edmonston did sum up in his Fresno speech that the total run-off from the Central Valley and San Francisco Bay Basin (34,877,000 acre feet average annual represented just about one-half of all the water California owns and possesses. Thus my oft-repeated claims that California permits one-half of all the water California owns and possesses or ever will own and possess to just flow out through the Golden Gate and be lost into the ocean is substantiated by no less an authority than our State engineer. Since nearly all wealth in California emanates from a use of water—since the basic souce of most all the development and wealth created in California will always depend on water, just how Californians can be so downright damphoolish as to allow one-half of all the water they'll ever own and possess to just flow unused out through the Golden Gate is just more than plain common sense ever will be able to figure out.

Bread and Butter Facts

Mergers of Corporations Are "Bustin' Out All Over"

By PETER HENLE
Assistant Director of Research, AFL

In the words of a popular song, mergers of prominent corporations are "bustin' out all over." Not since the frenzied days of the 1920's has the American economy witnessed such a widespread effort by American business to expand by merging or buying up the assets of other firms.

The present wave of mergers comes on top of a steady rise that has been taking place during the past 15 years. According to the Federal Trade Commission, the number of corporate mergers and acquisitions in 1952 is estimated at 720, compared to only 100 in 1939. The 1953 figure was even higher and although the total this year may not increase, 1954 mergers have involved more major business firms.

The following table summarizes all mergers in manufacturing industries since January 1953 where the combined assets of the two firms total over $25 million.

Important Mergers in Manufacturing Industries—January 1953 to September 1954

Total Assets of Combined Firms—	No. of Mergers
$25 - $49 million	14
50 - 99 million	17
100 - 500 million	46
Over $500 million	5
Total	82

Of the above total, approximately 10 mergers are still in the process of negotiation, but the remainder either have been consummated or at least have been approved by the stockholders concerned.

Over 150 companies are involved in these 82 mergers because in several instances the same company has merged with two, three, or even five firms.

Included in the listing are both "horizontal" and "vertical" mergers.

Mergers are classified as "horizontal" or "vertical" according to their relation to the business structure. When two competing firms unite, the result is a "horizontal" merger. On the other hand, a manufacturing firm buying out a supplier of raw materials consummates a "vertical" merger.

The list of firms included in this total reads like the Blue Book of American business. Here are the major business mergers that have been making headlines:

STEEL

Perhaps the most spectacular merger is the contemplated union of two giant steel companies, the Bethlehem Steel Corporation and the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. After this merger is finally consummated, the combined assets of the new firm will total an estimated $2.3 billion. The new firm would still rank second in steel-making capacity to the giant U. S. Steel Corporation, but after this merger these two top firms would easily dominate the industry.

CHEMICALS

There have been a number of mergers in this industry, the most important being the union of Mathieson Chemical Co., which previously had absorbed E. R. Squibb & Co., with Olin Industries, Inc. The new firm, with assets of almost $600 million, will rank as the fourth-largest in the chemical industry.

Another merger in the chemical field brings together the two drug companies, Merck and Sharpe & Dohme.

It is interesting to note that W. R. Grace & Co., the shipping firm, has recently purchased the assets of three chemical firms.

AUTOMOBILES

The return of competition in the automobile industry has pointed up the precarious position of the "independent" auto makers as opposed to the dominant position of the "Big Three." As a result, the industry has seen three major mergers in the past 18 months: Kaiser-Willys; Hudson-Nash into the new corporation, American Motors; and Studebaker-Packard. Rumors continue to circulate concerning even further mergers in this industry.

TEXTILES

Increasing competition and the long-term decline are among the factors responsible for an increasing number of mergers in this industry. Among the most important have been the acquisition by Burlington Mills of another large textile firm, Pacific Mills, in addition to Goodall-Sanford, Inc., best known for its Palm Beach cloth.

Other firms acquiring new subsidiaries have been Hart, Schaffner & Marx and the J. P. Stevens Co.

OTHER INDUSTRIES

In other manufacturing industries the number of mergers includes the union of the Florsheim Shoe Co. and International Shoe Corp., and the acquisition of a number of small companies by the Borden Company. The AFL list also includes mergers in such industries as baking, paper, tobacco, farm machinery, rubber, and office machines.

Among the many mergers in non-manufacturing industries, the following are perhaps the most important:

HOTELS

The Statler hotel chain has been the target of spirited bidding from two firms, each seeking control. Conrad Hilton of Hilton Hotels proved to be the successful buyer over Webb & Knapp, a building management firm. The resulting combination of a Hilton-Statler chain will be easily the largest hotel system in the United States. The Shearaton Hotel group also has been acquiring additional hotels.

BANKS

A series of bank mergers has been taking place. Perhaps the most important has been the union of two large New York City banks, the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. and the Corn Exchange Bank & Trust Co.

This listing is perhaps sufficient to indicate the extent and importance of this widespread merger movement.

AFL Fights to Ban Slave Labor

Los Angeles—The AFL fight to outlaw slave labor around the world will get a big boost at the meeting of the governing body of the International Labor Organization in November.

ILO Director General David A. Morse revealed to the AFL 73rd convention that the governing body will be asked to inquire whether the 69 government members are prepared to accept an international convention on forced labor.

Praising the AFL for raising the forced labor issue before the United Nations, Morse promised:

"We are now passing from the stage of investigations and of resolutions to the stage of action. Those who are sincerely concerned with improving the condition of human beings deprived of freedom and dignity in the bestial and degrading circumstances of forced labor camps will be given an opportunity to prove their sincerity."

Morse praised also the work of Samuel Gompers and the AFL in helping to establish the ILO in 1919 after World War I.

HOME RUN

Three inmates of a county prison in Ahoskie, N. C., who were fielding in a prisoners' baseball game were unaccounted for after a batter hit a long, high fly.

Million Use Up Misery Pay

Nearly a million wage earners exhausted their unemployment compensation benefits during the first seven months of 1954, the Bureau of Employment Security has reported. The rate increased as the year progressed.

The total through July stood at 992,379. The number of workers who used up their benefits in the first quarter amounted to 351,322, with 470,693 exhausting them in the second quarter.

In July, 170,363 working men and women used up all their unemployment insurance—or a quarterly rate of more than 511,000.

Congress failed to extend benefits over a reasonable period or to raise the payments. The Eisenhower Administration only wrote letters to the governors asking them to recommend longer and higher benefits to their legislatures. A mere handful of legislatures met this year.

Downward Trend In Jobs Continues

The downward trend in manufacturing employment in eight southeastern states continued in July, with 26,700 fewer persons at work than in June.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the decline contrasted with a drop of only 2,500 during the same month last year.

Of the eight states — Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia — only Tennessee showed an increase. The decline in the seven others ranged from 300 in Virginia to 10,300 in Alabama.

Making Ends Meet

Families Can Economize by Buying "In Season" Foods

By NANCY PRATT

For those who like to economize by stressing foods "in season," here is a list of foods expected to be in plentiful supply this month. In the meat department, hamburger and broiler-fryer chickens are at the top of the good supply list.

Among vegetables, tomatoes, sweet corn, potatoes, squash, and peppers should be best bets for bargains. Plentiful staples include rice, vegetable shortening, and salad oil, and peanut butter.

September is also a good "fish" month, so watch your stores for fish specials featured locally. In the Gulf Coast region shrimp, crabs, red snapper, and catfish supplies are very large. This is the salmon season in the Pacific Coast area. In the Midwest, fresh carp, sheepshead, and suckers from nearby lakes and rivers are likely to be most readily available. Whiting, haddock, and halibut are reported selling at good prices in the Northeast.

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SALT-FREE DIETS

Salt-free or low-sodium diets are widely prescribed for persons suffering from high blood pressure and certain types of heart, liver, and kidney ailments. The several million people on these diets will now have an easier time observing them as a result of an amendment by the Food and Drug Administration of its dietary foods labeling regulation. The new regulation requires that labels of dietary food products state how many milligrams of sodium are in each unit of the product using common everyday measurements to describe the size of the serving—slice, cupful, tablespoonful, etc. This should make it much easier for people who have to plan their diets to compare the amount of sodium in different foods and to compute their total intake per meal.

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PEARS PLENTIFUL

Pears, now at the peak of their season, make delicious and easily prepared desserts when dressed up with spices and sugar. Here's one you may want to try.

Cut fresh pears into bite sizes and sprinkle with brown sugar. Then prepare a syrup of one part lime juice to one part honey. Spoon this over the pears and let them chill in the refrigerator overnight. Just before serving, top the dish with whipped cream.

Glazed pears are also easy to prepare. Bake the fruit with a little water until partially cooked. Then spread with bright colored jelly and continue baking until the fruit is tender.

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MORE MILK

Is your family getting its proper share of milk to insure enough calcium in its diet? Recommended amounts per day are: Children, 3 to 4 cups; adults, 2 cups; pregnant women, at least 4 cups; nursing mothers, about 6 cups. If your family doesn't like milk as a beverage, you can serve the necessary milk by cooking cereal in milk for breakfast, preparing corn or fish chowders with a milk base for lunch, and using cream sauces on vegetables or custard desserts at night time.

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UNION LABEL

To be on the alert for the union label you should know where to look for it. For example, the blue label of the International Broom and Whisk Makers' Union, AFL, appears at the finish of the broom, fastened under the wire. With bread products, the Bakers and Confectionery Workers', AFL, label is usually on the wrapper at the side of the loaf.

Jobs, Key To Strong U. S.

Los Angeles.—President Meany told the 73rd AFL Convention that the American people should see that those persons who advocate a "second best" economy for the Nation emerge second best in the November elections.

Hitting at Administration boasting that this is the "second best year" for the United States economically, President Meany said:

"The cost of this second best year up to now is two million jobs and $7 billion less on the tables and wage rolls of the country. Could we have won the last war with a second best Navy and a second best Army and second best Air Force?

"Do we want a second-rate Congress or a second-rate Administration at a time when American responsibilities, needs and opportunities are greater than ever before?

Mr. Meany said that what the AFL wants is maximum employment, maximum production, and maximum purchasing power.

He said that unless America maintains a strong, healthy economy, it might suffer a collapse which would give Soviet Russia a victory in its campaign for world domination without firing a shot.

Noting the deterioration of America's relations to the free world and the rise of anti-Americanism in many places, Mr. Meany said:

"In the very nature of things today, any encouragement of anti-American sentiment means encouragement of pro-Communist sentiment."

He expressed disappointment with the visit and comments of Clement Attlee and Aneurin Bevan to Russia and China, and the actions of Premier Mendes-France of France in negotiating the Indo-China settlement.

President Meany's keynote address laid out a broad program of domestic and international issues to be considered by the convention. He also:

1. Reported 90 days' operation of the AFL-CIO No-Raiding Agreement without a single raid, and urged immediate steps following the convention to bring about organic AFL-CIO unity.

2. Said that the new AFL Internal Disputes Plan to be submitted will provide the means by which we can prevent waste of time, energy and money now spent in fighting each other on the organization front.

3. Praised Carpenters President Maurice Hutcheson and Machinists President A. J. Hayes for negotiating a settlement of the 40-year jurisdictional dispute between their unions.

4. Pledged that the AFL will not be a tail to the Democratic or Republican kite but that it will participate to the limit of its resources in political action to elect friendly congressmen and state legislators.

5. Asserted that the AFL intends to remain strong to obtain for the workers it represents a fair share of the wealth they help to produce.

DEFICIT NOW ESTIMATED AT $4.7 BILLION

The Eisenhower Administration hiked the estimated deficit for the fiscal year ending next June 30 more than one and a half times above what President Eisenhower estimated it would be. The deficit now is estimated to reach $4.7 billion in the year instead of $2.9 billion.

STILL BALANCING

Even so, Secretary of the Treasury George Humphrey said the Administration would continue to work to balance the budget. He did not say when he thought that achievement would be accomplished. He also said the higher deficit did not rule out further tax cuts.

Last January, Eisenhower figured that the Government would spend $65.6 billion. The Budget Bureau has now sliced that by $1.6 billion. But receipts now are estimated to total $3.4 billion below the President's guess of $62.7 billion, reflecting the economic decline that set in about a year ago.

SPENDING INCREASES

Estimated spending for national security was trimmed by the bureau about $3 billion. However, about half of this was offset by estimated spending increases in other fields of Federal activity.

Revised spending calculations included $35½ billion for the armed forces; $2 billion for the Social Security program; $360 million for housing; $340 million for education and research; $265 million for unemployment compensation; $6.6 billion for payment of interest on the public debt, and $329 million for labor and manpower.

Canada Faces Jobless And Health Problems

Los Angeles. — Unemployment and health insurance are two of the major problems facing the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, Berne Metheral, fraternal delegate, told the AFL 73rd annual convention here.

Last spring and winter about 10 per cent of the Canadian labor force was unemployed, Metheral said, and added that the total may go even higher next winter.

LABORERS 272

By JOHN F. MATTOS, Secretary and Business Agent

Conditions in this area are much the same as when we reported last week. Things have not improved as had been expected. We had been told that if the plumbers returned to work, we would have full employment—but it's not so that anyone can notice it!

There is to be a drastic change in the union's "Plug Board" system as of October 15th. The reason Oct. 15 was selected is to give the full membership a chance to acquaint themselves with their responsibilities to the union and to themselves. The membership took steps at their last meeting to improve conditions for the total membership. There will be members who will object to some of the changes resulting from the last meeting — which proves the point that you should attend your meetings and voice your honest opinions on all subjects.

Charles Robinson, district council representative and a trustee of your health and welfare plan, was in the area Monday of last week to negotiate an agreement. We had no actual success but set up another meeting.

There was a meeting scheduled with the Board of Supervisors last week, and George Jenkins and Milt Isakson traveled here from Monterey for the meeting. So I want to apologize to these Brothers for not being present. I had a meeting with Charles Robinson, of the district council, at Watsonville.

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James Marks, former member of Local 272 and now a member of the great team of U.S. Marines, will be back with us soon after three years in service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Marks, 294 Englund Ave. Sydney is a member of our union, working for Salinas branch of Granite Construction Co. We are happy for the parents and for James and will be glad to welcome the boy back into our organization.

Louis Barbenttini is still on the inactive list due to injuries received in 1953 in a highway accident. He still is in pain and has a bad limp.

Mrs. Dorothy Empie, wife of our member Bill Empie, is now at home and resting well. She was in a hospital for an operation. We all wish her speedy recovery.

Mrs. James Brewer is reported much improved after her visit to the hospital. James is happy, since he is employed on the church job at San Ardo, along with James Willey.

Lige Jones, hodcarrier for Royden Powell, usually is very calm and collected but he's been nervous of late. We don't blame him, because his wife Dorothy, has a date with a hospital. We're sure things will be okay and we wish Mrs. Jones quick recovery.

Lillian Johnson, our office secretary, insists that the office employees union calls for a vacation with pay on a birthday. Her birthday was Monday, Sept. 20 — she was 23! We haven't checked the agreement but we know this — not only did she fail to get a holiday, she had to come to work early that day. However, she doesn't look even a day older, much less a year older, and we wish her many more happy birthdays — and in the employ of our union, whether or not she gets a day off on her birthday.

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A message to all construction laborers in Northern California:

In the first booklet that was printed, describing the welfare benefits effective June 1, 1953, we said: "It is the mutual responsibility of the local unions and the employers to make sure that you receive the full protection the plan affords. We will spare no effort to this end."

We are now pleased to advise you that as a result of careful management of the trust fund it is possible to provide a number of new and additional benefits, effective August 1, 1954, for eligible laborers and their family dependents.

The welfare plan is one of the many favorable conditions now provided in the master agreement between the Northern California District Council of Laborers and the Northern California and Central California chapters of the Associated General Contractors.

As you know, this welfare plan has been made possible for you by the joint co-operation of your employers and your bargaining representatives, the northern district council. The cost is being paid in full by contributions made by your employers under the master agreement.

A new peace of mind should be yours with the realization that you now have even greater security against tomorrow's emergencies. If you have met the eligibility requirements, you will be covered by the insurance benefits set forth in the new booklet. You and your family will want to read this booklet carefully because what it describes means so much to you.

This new booklet may be obtained at your union office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your union office or the welfare fund office, which is located at 1373 Post St., San Francisco, telephone ORdway 3-9754.

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Again may I remind members that a Clearance Slip from your union to the job is of great importance and protection to you and your union. See that you always get a Clearance.

Also, don't forget that a Transfer Card, or Traveling Card as you may know it, MUST be deposited within 30 days, in some union. This is absolutely necessary if you are to remain in good standing.

May I again ask you members, one and all, whenever you go into an adjoining area notify the secretary of that union or the business agent. If our members remember to contact the other unions, then their members will contact us.

On every job, turn to the man near you and say: "Here's my ducat — where's yours?" It works — try it!

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Mrs. Robert Lievanos is in a hospital and all laborers and hodcarriers and the Granite Construction Co. gang join in wishing her very speedy recovery.

Many happy returns of the day to the following Brothers: Bud Bartages, at Chamco Block; Sherman T. Smith, at Soledad Prison. No, it's not what you might think with Bro. Smith — he runs the disposal plant at the prison, has been a member in good standing with our union since 1937 but has not worked at our calling for the past 16 years.

Widening of Alisal St., under discussion for many months, finally has become an actuality. The board of supervisors awarded a $45,251 contract to Donahue Construction Co. for rebuilding curbs, gutters and sidewalks on East Alisal. Donahue was low bidder but Granite was less than $600 higher, we hear.

Granite Construction Co. got the contract, at $9433, for cutting down eucalyptus trees on Alisal Rd. near Hartnell A.&M. Trees line the south side of the road and are in the way for proposed widening. Four other firms bid for the cutting job.

Atwater Underground Co. is back in the area to put in more sewers in the Maynard & Smith tract.

NOTE: Construction laborers are supposed to have their own hammers on the job — but no bars or other tools!

¡Amigos todos!

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AUTO WORKERS WILL DEMAND GUARANTEED ANNUAL WAGE

New York (PAI)—CIO President Walter Reuther has announced that the United Auto Workers will demand the guaranteed annual wage when they negotiate renewal of their contracts with General Motors, Ford and Chrysler next year.

Speaking at a press conference after he had received the annual Applause Trophy from the Sales Executives Club of New York, Reuther made the following points:

1.—The UAW expects to demand the annual wage when negotiations are opened next year with General Motors in May, Ford in June and Chrysler in August when the present contracts will expire.

2.—The UAW feels strongly that present unemployment benefits are inadequate and should be increased.

3.—The UAW believes that the problems of independent automobile manufacturers stems from the fact that they are "fighting for a share of economic scarcity." He said they were in trouble because the automobile market has shrunk to 5,000,000 cars in 1954 rather than because their wage bill was out of line. A boost in auto sales from 8 to 8½ million a year would solve their problems and the only way to get such a boost is to increase individual purchasing power. He contended that the Eisenhower Administration was making a mistake in following policies that would increase productive capacity rather than increasing consumption capacity.

ACTION IS NEEDED

4.—The UAW feels that there will be no substantial improvement in business conditions unless the Administration takes vigorous action to establish full employment.

5.—The UAW does not oppose automaton, but will insist on a broad program designed to create new jobs and to make sure that workers share in the increased productivity that automatic machinery will create.

Discussing the guaranteed wage drive, Reuther declined to be drawn into a discussion as to what action the UAW would take if the drive met resistance. Asked if the UAW would strike for the guaranteed wage, he replied:

"We hope the matter can be decided on the merits and logic of our case, but we're going to get it."

While details of the annual wage demand were not revealed, Reuther indicated that employers would be asked to set up a trust fund out of which benefits would be paid to laid-off workers so as to provide them with a weekly income which, in addition to unemployment benefits, would equal a normal week's pay.

At the same time he said that enough was known of the income and profit picture of the major automobile companies to show that they can well afford setting up a guaranteed annual wage system.

Louisiana Solon Praises Yorty

Congressman Samuel W. Yorty, AFL-endorsed candidate for U. S. Senator, came in for high praise last week from a Congressional colleague when Rep. Hale Boggs (D., New Orleans) spoke at a reception for Yorty sponsored by his San Francisco campaign committee.

The Louisiana Congressman described Yorty as "one of the most capable men ever to sit in the House of Representatives" and declared "never has a man been more devoted to his nation, his state, and to the welfare of the American people."

"Sam Yorty knows the problems of the world as well as he knows the problems of California. You could not elect a more able Senator," Boggs concluded.

Yorty described his campaign activities at the gathering, and assailed the "smear tactics" which have been used in the campaign for the Republican incumbent. He warned of probable additional "smears" to come. Yorty predicted Congressional victories by liberals throughout the country, as a result of the present Administration's failures during the past 20 months.

Educators From 60 Nations Study in U.S.

Over 500 educators from more than 60 countries have begun studying and observing American life and education.

The U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare has announced that more than half of the visitors will participate in the Teachers Education Program sponsored by the Office of Education and the Department of State in cooperation with many of the nation's leading schools and universities.

Cement Workers Meet In New Orleans Oct. 18

New Orleans.—The seventh international convention of the United Cement, Lime & Gypsum Workers will begin October 18 in the Jung Hotel here. Among those scheduled to address the delegates are AFL President George Meany, AFL Secretary-Treasurer William Schnitzler, AFL Vice President Matthew Woll, Director James McDevitt of Labor's League for Political Education, and Director John Connors of the AFL Workers Education Department.

Among the internal matters to be dealt with is election of a general president to replace William Schoenberg, who has announced his intention of retiring to become president emeritus.

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Building Trades Ask Federal Construction Labor Law

Los Angeles. — The 47th annual convention of the AFL Building and Construction Trades Department called for enactment by Congress of an overall Federal Construction Labor Law to protect wage and working standards in the building industry.

The convention pointed out that more than $12 billion worth of construction in 1954 is financed in whole or in part by Federal funds —or one-third of this year's total construction.

A Federal construction labor law would amend and improve all existing Federal laws affecting hours of work, minimum wages, overtime, and labor-management relations to meet the standards and objectives of the Building & Construction Trades Department.

The convention said the law should include titles dealing with: (1) establishment of prevailing minimum wages, (2) setting of minimum hours of work and overtime provision, (3) labor-management relations provision of the Taft-Hartley Act, so drafted as to be adaptable to and workable in the building and construction industry, (4) provision of apprenticeship training, (5) workmen's compensation, (6) establishment of minimum safety standards.

On the issue of amending Taft-Hartley so that it would be adaptable to the building and construction industry, the convention said:

"If the labor-management relations portion of the proposed Federal Construction Labor Law could be so drafted, it would mean that it would take precedence over all anti-labor state acts since the direct federal construction would not be affected by such laws."

The department re-elected Richard J. Gray president and Frank Bonadio secretary-treasurer for four-year terms.

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SCOOP! You've probably read about Lee Ann Meriwether, the San Francisco girl who became Miss America, and about her "steady" boy friend, Pvt. John R. Riveroll, far overseas. But — did you know that Riveroll is a former San Jose union member? He worked in the Hester Market and was a member of Retail Clerks Union 428.

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Speaking of the San Jose Clerks Union, we understand that this progressive union is already making plans for another booth at the County Fair next year because this year's fair both was such a great success. The union is getting more and more compliments over its good booth, where shopping bags, book matches and union buttons were distributed to thousands of interested persons.

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At the risk of having LLIB OGIDEP termed a "clerks' column" this week, we want to mention one more item involving Office Secretary Molly Griffin of San Mateo Clerks Union. Molly's hubby, "Griff," has become a "student teacher" in Burlingame and is doing a wonderful job we hear. Enterprising pair, those Griffins.

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QUIZ: Try to answer these, then check answers below. 1. The "escalator" clause in labor-management contracts is designed to (a) raise pension payments, (b) provide free transportation to work (c) adjust wages to living cost changes. 2. The Molly Maguires were a secret society of (a) Pinkerton detectives, (b) Irish miners, (c) liberal women. 3. The words "Jim Crow" refer to (a) discrimination against Negroes, (b) Senate filibusters, (c) scabs. 4. The U.S. Government economic and technical assistance to aid backward countries is called (a) NATO, (b) Point Four, (c) Baruch Plan. 5. The first Negro to attend a cabinet meeting in history of the U.S.A. holds a post in the (a) Department of Commerce, (b) Treasury Department, (c) Department of Labor.

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San Jose union leaders have called a big luncheon meeting for Oct. 6 to hear all about why more blood should be donated to the Red Cross, about peace time needs for blood donations. Idea is excellent — why aren't such meetings arranged by Labor and the Red Cross in other towns ? ? ?

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Heard that Toy Smith, b.a. for San Mateo bartenders, in San Jose the other day on a wage claim case. Friends who told me insist that Toy is "getting fat!" Come join the team, Toy!

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Answers: 1. (c); 2. (b); 3. (a); 4. (b); 5. (c).

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Years ago we heard this — and it is still sound: The only real argument FOR marriage is that it still is the best way to get acquainted!

Choate Starts Vacation Trip

Earl Choate, business representative for Machinists Union 1824 at Salinas and representative of District Council No. 93 of Machinists, left last week-end with his wife on a vacation trip. He said they would be gone for about two weeks, depending on weather conditions, their first stop being Yosemite. During Choate's absence, James LeBlanc, a San Jose area representative for District Lodge 93 will be on call for Salinas union duties when necessary.

Mattos in S.F.

John F. Mattos, secretary-business agent of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas and writer of a column in this paper for Local 272, was in San Francisco last Thursday on important union business, nature of which was not announced.

Mrs. Viall Vacations

Office Secretary Florence Viall of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323 was away last week on a vacation trip with her husband, Ed Viall. They traveled to southern California during the week.

Women's Auxiliaries Win Praise for Work

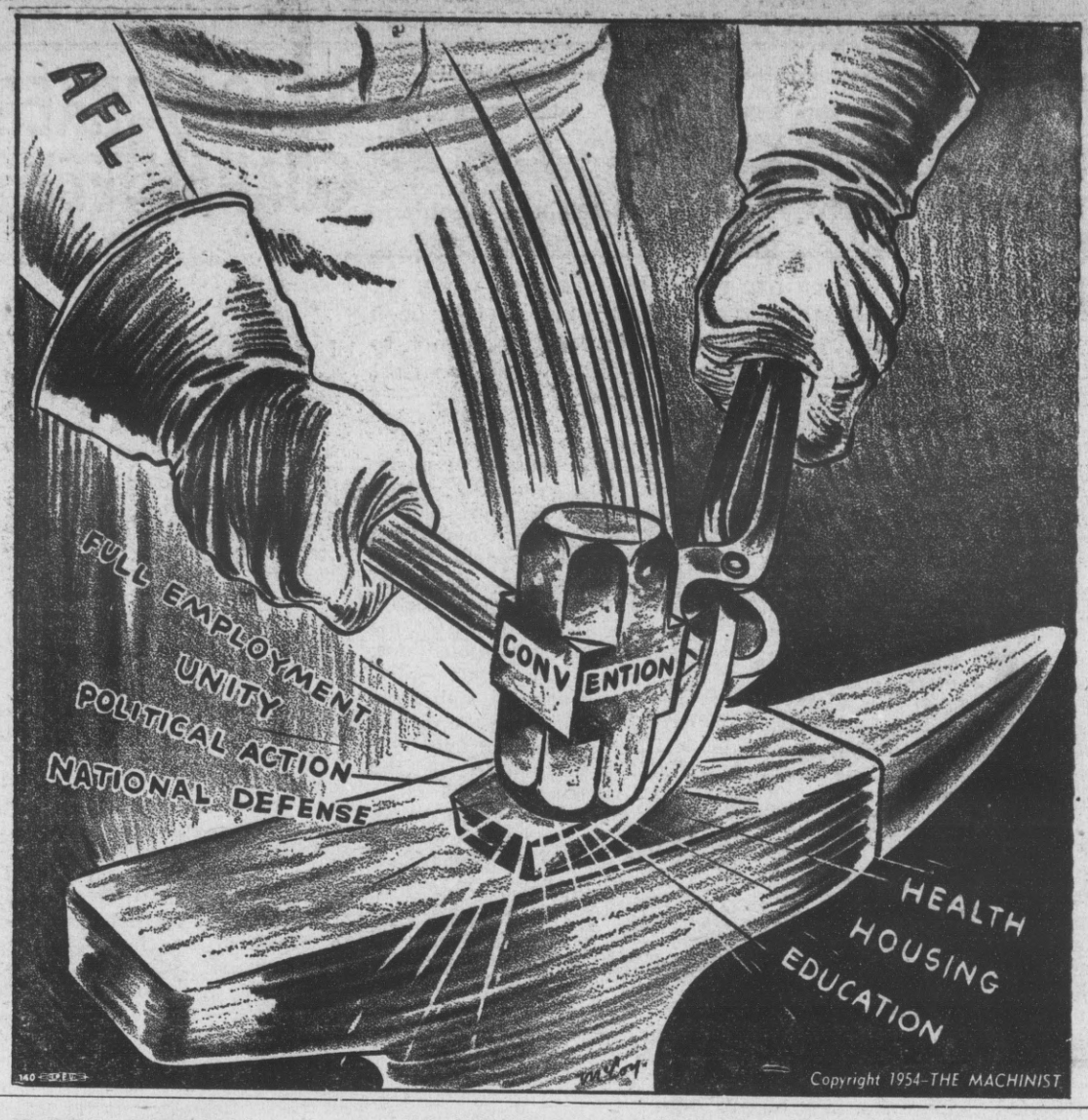
Los Angeles — Women are the most potent force in increasing purchases of union label goods and services.

The executive board of the Union Label Trades Department praised the work of the American Federation of Women's Auxiliaries of Labor in recognizing the great purchasing power of its members.

In purchases for the household and family, women should ask for union label goods and services.

Sees First Picket Line

Tokyo — The Kydo news agency reports that Japanese Emperor Hirohito saw his first picket line while making a tour of the industrial area in Muroran.



JOB DIP PANICS BIZ

(By Labor's Daily News Service)

Because millions of voters don't like periodic waves of unemployment, Big Business is worried about the kind of Congress that may be elected this November.

This came out in three speeches made by the national president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, Clem D. Johnston, at Portland, Ore., Salem, Ore., and Spokane, Wash. as reported by the chamber's publication, "Washington Report."

To quote the chamber publication:

"'There is an element of political danger,' he said, 'in the fact that . . . more than half of our voting population have never known other than 'emergency conditions and war-born inflation.'

'UNEMPLOYMENT NORMAL'

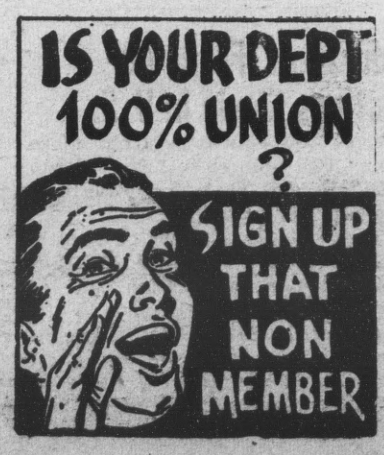
"He said millions of voters of the present generation do not know that peaks and valleys of production and employment are 'completely normal' in any system of competitive enterprise. . . .

"'Obviously,' Mr. Johnston said, 'we will need a Congress that reflects realistic thinking.'

"He warned his audience against 'apathy about congressional elections,' pointing out that such national issues as needed tax reforms, industry-wide bargaining by unions, the secondary boycott, and mounting surpluses of farm products 'touch our personal lives more directly than the result of our votes for sheriff.

"'Our problems,' he concluded, 'are problems of the spirit.'"

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In California During July—

DEATH ON THE JOB!

(State Industrial Relations Report)

Fifty-two California workers were killed in on-the-job accidents recorded in July 1954. This compares with 47 in June and 83 in July 1953.

Highway motor vehicle accidents claimed 11 lives, and tractor accidents took 5 lives.

EXPLOSIONS

Four workers were killed in explosions. A truck driver and a bookkeeper employed by a liquid petroleum gas company were fatally burned in a propane gas explosion. The truck driver loaded his tank truck with gas and started to drive away from the loading station without disconnecting the hoses. The pipes on the tank broke, and liquid gas escaped. As the driver was trying to locate the leak, the gas vapors ignited and burned him. The bookkeeper was in the plant yard about 200 feet away when the fuel exploded. Her clothes caught fire. Two other persons, neither of them listed as employees, also died in the accident.

The premature bursting of a defective 105 MM Howitzer shell caused the death of a California National Guard gunner. A fragment from the shell penetrated his heart.

The fourth worker to die in an explosion was a garage mechanic's helper. He was inflating a tire when the rim came off and the inner tube blew out. Force of escaping air hurled the tire against the worker, fracturing his skull.

MACHINERY ACCIDENTS

Four died in machinery accidents. An engineer on a concrete batch plant was caught and mangled in a conveyor belt. A cesspool worker was unloading the hopper of a brick-making machine when he was hit in the head and neck by a crowbar that had become caught in the mixer. The other two workers killed in machinery accidents were 17-year-old high school boys who were working during summer vacation. One of the boys was crushed to death by the hoist of a brick-making machine. He had finished cleaning the bucket of the machine, and reached over to turn on the switch which controlled the hoist in order to ride it down. The controls were out of his line of vision, and he pulled the wrong switch. The hoist raised instead of lowering, crushing his body against the rim of the bucket. The second 17-year-old was killed while working as an off-bearer operator in a sawmill. He wandered away from his job position and crawled under a guard near the saw arbor. His shirt caught in a coupler and he was pulled into the V-belt of the saw.

FALLS

Three workers were killed by falls. A motion picture usher fell 12 feet from a wooden marquee platform while changing billing. A construction laborer lost his balance while stripping the handrail from an outrigger scaffold, and plunged 25 feet to the pavement below. A helper on a moving van tripped and fell as he was stepping from the tailgate of a truck. His head struck the tailgate chain as he fell, dislocating his neck and partially severing the spinal cord.

OTHER ACCIDENTS

A few of the other fatal accidents recorded in July are summarized below:

Two sign erection laborers were electrocuted while steadying a steel pole that was being hoisted into position by a derrick. The pole tipped, contacting a 12,000 volt overhead line.

A clean-up man in a milk processing plant sustained fatal burns when a caustic soda solution in a hot well boiled over as he was stooping over the well to clean it.

Nitric acid burns brought death to an etcher who spilled a pitcher of the acid over his body while attempting to fill the etching machine.

A farm laborer acting as assistant to a crane operator was killed when the cable on the crane boom broke, letting the boom fall on his head.

A 1700-pound steel tray slipped from a jig in a steel fabricating plant, fatally injuring one of the laborers. He was standing under the load as a group of men on the other side of the jig turned the tray by hand. When the tray reached a nearly vertical position, it fell from the jig onto the workman.

A 2700-pound crate of electrical equipment fell from the fork of a lift truck, fatally crushing a dock hand who was attempting to place rollers under the crate. The fork-lift operator was raising one of the awkwardly-built crates on each fork of the lift, and as the dock hand knelt in front of the load one of the crates toppled forward on him.

An apartment house manager suffocated when her head was caught between a folding bed and the wall.

Observe safety rules!